notice of the Government.

(d) Information to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Mismanagement of coal mines

1434. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Power Utilities and other institutions and persons have made complaints to the effect that coal mines are very badly managed thereby causing heavy losses to Government revenue; and

(b) what preventive measures Government are contemplating to end the mismanagement of coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b) The National Council of Power Utilities have submitted a memorandum on problems of coal supply to Thermal Power Stations. The memorandum is mainly about the quality of coal supplied to the Power Sector.

Complaints regarding quality of coal supplies relate mainly to the supplies of oversized coal and extraneous material along with the coal. A number of measures have been taken to improve the quality of coal supplies to the consumers particularly to the power houses. These include:—

1. Setting up of an independent quality control organisation in each coal company.

2. Installation of CHPs with provision for sizing and screening of coal wherever required. At present 100 mini CHPs and 50 major CHPs are functioning and they handle 47 per cent of the coal produced. By 1986-87 the strength of CHPs will go up to 308 (130 major CHPs and 178 mini CHPs) and the percentage of coal handled by CHPs will go upto 88 per cent.

3. Electricity Boards have been requested to sign agreements with coal companies which would provide *inter-alia* for joint sampling of coal supplied and payment of bonus/penalty with reference to the quality of coal supplied.

4. Coal Controller has been given the powers to take samples and arrange for the testing of coal grades *suo-moto* or if a dispute is raised in this regard. The Coal Controller's decision in the matter shall be final.

5. Instructions have been issued to coal companies to maintain quality of coal supplies by controlled blasting and manual handpicking of shales stones etc. where CHPs do not exist.

Power Generation in West Bengal

1435. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total power generation in West Bengal during the current year is higher than that generated during any of the last three years; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total power generation in West Bengal during the period April-June, 1982, 1983 and 1984 is as indicated below:

Year (April-June)	Generation (MU)
1982	1473
1983	1529
1984	1638